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## KEEPING AT IT.

Notwithstanding the fact that Sembrich was in the cast at the opera-house last night the most interesting figure on the stage for several reasons was Enrico Caru-

Not merely because he was making his debut, but be cause this excellent singer was once hissed off the stage of an Italian theatre by an audience which showed itself very violently dissatisfied with his work. That incident, occurring several years ago at the opening of his career, becomes of especially timely importance in connection with Caruso's appearance with approval before the nation's wealthiest and most fashionable audience

The point is that where a man of weaker purpose or of less resolute spirit might have had his aspirations forever crushed by that ignominious expression of disapproval, the young tenor kept bravely on until he had triumphed over opposition and made a name for himself not only in Italy but on the Continent.

The men who win the great successes of life are often called on to show this indomitable spirit. It is Webster, -breaking down in the schoolroom when attempting to "recite." It is Henry Clay, too timid to speak before a classroom audience and nerving himself by repeated practice in the cornfields with only the cornstalks to hear him, who rise by repeated failures "the applause of listening senates to command." It is the persistent and everlasting keeping at it that enables them in the end to overcome the defects of nature.

It was the physically feeble Cicero who developed into the robust master of the Roman Senate, and from the lisping tongue of Demosthenes, who cured himself by the historic device of talking against the noise of the waves with pebbles in his mouth, came the full, round enunciation that charmed the Greeks.

This ability of persevering against adverse circumstances seems to be one of the main attributes of suc- her true love were those which cruel cess. Thiers had it. The French laughed at his first speech in the Chamber of Deputies, but learned to admire his oratory. James Whitcomb Riley had it, as he showed by sending his verse to a magazine for nineteen to the lovers' happiness rests usually years without result and in the twentieth securing admission to its pages.

This and thoroughness—Carlyle going over the plans of a Cromwell battle-field twenty times to get his facts exact, and Edison spending twenty hours a day on his phonograph—in these two traits of Persistence and Thorughness lies success.

### BRAINS OF THREE MURDERERS.

Dr. Spitzka's anatomical examination of the remains of the Van Wormer boys after their execution at Dannemora shows that their brains were normal in shape, with no defect or lesion present pointing to degenera-

There was nothing to indicate a deficiency of the moral faculties. The autopsy will carry no comfort to those who feel confident of their ability to judge of a man's character by the contour of his ear and estimate the rusty serviceable coats of mail with his capacity for sin from the angle of his forehead.

It will be noted with interest that the youngest of the murderers had the heaviest brain. The difference of years might naturally be thought to have given that distinction to the eldest, and it may be inferred that the at all seen at such close range. light weight of the brains of the older brothers was due to a shrinkage resulting from non-use of the intellectual one could see one's face in the glittering

The average weight of a grown man's brain tissue is just under fifty ounces, or a trifle more than three pounds. Its weight is, of course, not proportionate to its quality, and the phrenologists used to cite the case of a cannot laugh at locksmiths any more. murderer's brain which weighed more than Daniel Webster's. This distinction is well illustrated in the con- every one of the housewifely bunch of trast between the brain of the eminent naturalist Cuvier, keys he carries for just such emerwhich was sixty-five ounces, and that of the poet gencies. Schiller, which was fifty-five. Was Byron or Dante the greater poet? The former's brain weighed sixty-three heart, anyway; a safe deposit vault, or a ounces and the latter's fifty.

Dante is seen to have had a brain of only normal size. There was many a mercenary soldier in the army of the Florentine republic who had a larger cranial development. But in the illustrious poet's head there was something which the surgeon's scales could not weigh which gave it quality.

The Van Wormers were all clover boys, gifted with going away, she herself will tell him many small talents and accomplishments that prepossessed them in their neighbors' favor. An earnest purpose in life and a saving element of industry might have made them useful citizens. But the faculties permitted that await him if once the magic words to lie fallow shrunk into smaller compass and invited the moral deterioration which made their crime possible.

They withered as the unused muscle withers. Had lock. they been exercised in a vigorous effort to get on in the world by honorable achievement the brain would have bination. grown with their exercise, acquired an added fulness and gained capacity for doing greater things, a mental development which largely helps to restrain a man from crime and keep him moral.

## EVERY-DAY HEROISM.

On the same day with the publication of this year's roll of honor for the Fire Department the news is printed not blown out for us what are we to do of an act of off-hand heroism by Dr. Krauskopf, who those who blow it out to those who ask crawled under the trucks of a trolley car to bind the us very politely for it. wounds and alleviate the suffering of a man fatally crushed. On the day before Policeman Schuessler, of the bicycle squad, was retired with a record of efficiency blity, and for that reason, perhaps and heroism during long service. Whether the hero is don't get them, whereas blessed is he in uniform or a plain clothes man the nature of his who takes things for granted, for thus courage is the same, a first-rate article.

The firemen's honor roll contains the list of those ly, how to crack a safe, how one putties singled out for the performance of "meritorious actions up the cracks to produce a vacuum inattended with personal risk," which we read annually with pride, forgetting next day the individual names glycerine and touches it off. while remembering the general high average of heroic achievement. It is probably because he is so near at very similar, and they are usually successful.

Sometimes, of course, even the most eed of praise than the lads . khaki far off in the enterprising cracksman is not quick Philippines. And a bolo battlefield has elements of ro- enough, and in the language of a rece attaching to it more readily appreciated than a cently aspiring statesman, he is caught with the goods on.

Yet the plain, not to say humdrum, heroism of the should be, anyway, and no court would sentence him to greater penalty than his own self-imposed one of hard labor his own self-imposed his own self-imposed one of hard labor his own self-imposed one of hard labor his own self-imposed his own self-impose the day's work and goes with the wages paid, but his own self-imposed one of nard labor for life, or until she moves to South











# bove baughs At bocksmiths, Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!

## By Nixola Greeley-Smith

only obstacles between a maid and wers or stern parents or other similar vice regents of an adverse fate inter

Now, however, when the chief barrier in the perversity of the fair maid herself, love can laugh at locksmiths no

Gone are the times when once the most was closed, the drawbridge lowered, the castle warder sent cursing to his death, the young knight clanked victorlously to the tower where the lovelorn dameel awaited him.

For possibly because there are no longer any moats or drawbridges or castle guards the damsel is not lovelo

Besides she will not stay in the tower, this modern young person. For though a tower commands a most excellent birdseye view of what is going on below she feels that she would rather be of the procession than to sit passively and review it, even from the grand

stand. And down among the knights she sees them with that everyday armor on and which they front the world, but not at all like the beautiful shining harness that she might have seen had she re-

mained in the tower. The knight is not a wonderful person His armor is dented and specked with rust instead of being polished so that

So the damsel looks her heart, her little shallow modern heart, agains

And until the key of it is found lov Love taps at the heart, to be sure and finding it barred against him tries

It is all to no purpose. What is this modern young person's

cold storage warehouse? Evidently it has a combination lock, and what-oh what, is the combination? If Love be in a patient mood, and he cannot get at the heart in any other way, he will sometimes stand quietly before it, "no" ng that if he waits long enough and the damsel realizes that there is positively no hope of his ever combination to get rid of him-!

she knows it-for very often the damse But sometimes realizing the treasure are said, and the heart opens like a not care to linger over the puzzling

He knows there are other ways o

hearth-in fact, he prefers the high-way-and he has not been a gentleman of the road for nothing. It is a sad thing to think of Cupid

turning cracksman. But after all is it the best method for him to pursue? For really most of us nowadays don't know the combination ourselves, and if it is Besides, you know we really prefer

Because men who ask for things give

may they be granted to him. Nearly everybody knows, theoretical side and then fills the lock up with a jelly like substance that is nitro-

The methods of the heart burglar are

But then after all it is his goods, or

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# INCAPACITATED.

Maud-Why did you Ethel-Why, he drinks! And he became so unsteady that he couldn't hit a pedestrian even in a crowded street! 

AS A SUBSTITUTE.



Hobo-Kind sir, kin youse spare a penny for a pore starvin'

Gent-Not me. But don't get per down the street.



Myer-Wasn't it Shakespeare dogs?"

Gyer-Yes. But I'll bet Bill threw the empty bottles at the \$ cats, just the same.

# LETTERS, QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

the Editor of The Evening World:

A is first cousin to B. What relation will A's children be to B? Legal Holiday in New York and

Kind Lady-Wot? Beggin' right

on top o' your Thanksgivin' din-

Wot is it you want?

dyspepsier tablets, please, mum.

Gorged George-A couple o'

Many Other States. to the Editor of The Evening World:
Is Election Day a legal holiday? R. Sunday. Friday.

To the Editor of The Evening World:
On what days of the week did Aug 15, 1880, and Dec. 15, 1871, fall? M. J. F.

say yes or no, stick to it and when they promise, keep that promise, whether JOE. good or bad, the mother's word would To the Editor of The Evening World: and seven, turned loose on the poor school teachers, while the mother was "so glad that school had commenced because they could do nothing with the because they could be seen that the poor of the board was at Boston. Mass.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

Where was Chauncey Olcott born? Of the world?

Also, where was Andrew Mack born? A Straight Fast Ball Can Be Batted children at home." Many mothers ex-Home Training for Children.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

If, when children are small, mothers would devote their time to studying the bedience and manners. Home is the place for a child to be taught obedience and manners was Spain the leading power 300 or to be taught obedience and manners.

good or bad, the mother's word would soon be law and there would be no need of corporal punishment in the home or of corporal punishment in the home or with the same.

To the Editor of The Evening Word.

Is a black bow the proper with a Tuxedo suit, and may a derby be worn A. B. C.

With the same.

A. B. C.

France and refrancis I. unruly children between the ages of six Olcott Was Born at Providence.

JOHN J. C.

the other nations and did she virtually Spain never conquered the whole world. The King of Spain was once

No. Champion Only of America.



SEE," said the Cigar Store Man, "that a French journalist who stopped at a hotel with John D. Rockefeller expresses surprise because the Standard Oil boss failed to tip the waiter."

"He isn't as surprised as the waiter would have been f the tip had been handed out." replied the Man Higher Up. "John D. Rockefeller is one of the few men who don't have to tip. The chances are that he never did, even when he was poor, and that's why he has got so much of the mazuma that it keeps him trained down toa shadow hunting places to put it.

"It's the poor slob who has no home or gets tired of home cooking once in a while that has to furnish the waiter with flat-house money. We don't cough up because we want to; we are afraid that if we don't the waiter will think we are cheap. John D. Rockefeller don't care whether the waiter thinks he is cheap or not-He has got his.

"A man who would climb into a burning buffding-to escue a poodle dog, who would stop a runaway brewery. team or stand up and dodge bullets without experiencing any quick motions of the heart will wilt like a woman's handkerchief at a melodrama in the presence of a waiter with an ingrowing face and assorted samples of the bill of fare on his shirt-front. There is something in a waiter's open-faced suit and apron that makes the average male restaurant guest feel as though he were being looked at through the big ends of a pair of opens

"This subservience to the waiter has been drilled into us by the waiters themselves. They know full well that unless they want to make it pleasant for you a meal in a first-class place can be made an experience calculated to drive Carrie Nation to drink. Unless a man has a big voice and the nerve of a panhandler he can't get away with a bluff against a seasoned waiter.

"If you eat in the same place all the time it's a case of tip or get treated like a coal-bin. There is always the haunting fear when the waiter brings in your soup with his thumb inserted in the side of the dish that perhaps he has put his feet in it on the way from the kitchen. If you don't tip you get the passe china and the buzz-saw-edge glasses, and your coffee is what the waiter pours into the pot out of cups discarded by other guests. He deals you the stale bread, and if there is a hunk of athletic butter in the pantry it is surely yours. I've always had a suspicion that the waiters chip in and buy a private stock of butter that would blow a safe for the exclusive use of non-tipping guests."

"It has always seemed to me," remarked the Cigar Store man, "that tipping a waiter destroys his self-

# "The waiter don't care anything about that," said the Man Higher Up. "You can't deposit self-respect in

# Unique Pension.

All men who draw pensions are not veterans in a military sense. The proprietor of one of Washington's leading restaurants has provided for one of his ex-employees in a manner most unique. The pension consists of three square meals a day and as many drinks. The old man who draws this pension is an ex-bartender of the establishment, and

was put on the retired list some time ago.

As the pensioner was known to be fond of "the cup that cheers," the employer found it necessary to add one clause to the pension, viz.: "The drinks will be given at the ap-pointed time, before breakfast, dinner and supper, provided there are no signs of having indulged in intoxic elsewhere."—Washington Post.

# Costliest Knife in the World.

The most valuable knife in the world is to be seen in the ollection of a famous firm of outlers in Sheffield. It is large enough to fit the pocket of none but a giant, and contains seventy-five blades, which close up like those of as ordinary knife. Each of the larger blades is elaborately engraved, and among the subjects of these strange pictures are views of Sheffield College, the city of York, Windson Castle, Arundel Castle and a score of other famous scene The hafts are of mother of pearl, carved with great skill On one side the artist has depicted a stag hunt, and on the other a boar hunt. When asked as to the value of the knife, the firm replied: "We calculated it up to £920, but that was before it was finished, and then we ceased to estimate what it had cost."

## A Queer Trade.

The "hot-pepper" seller of Mexico is a merchant whose ives his livelihood from the fact that the Mexican must be as peopers, whatever else he may deny himself. They are brought to his door by the countryman, or he may go to the market place and find them spread out for sale on matting The market man, while dressed inexpensively as far ea hi bodily garb is concerned, wears in nearly every instance as elaborate head covering. Some of these Mexicans own hate that cost as much as the rest of his wardrobe. The pride of the white man in his Panama hat is not to be compared that of the Mexican in his sombrero. It is a racial character Farthest.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

A says that an easy ball can be batted farthest. B says a swift ball can be hit farthest, Which is right?

BASEBALL FIEND.

that of the Mexican in his sombrero. It is a racial character which finds its counterpart in the apron of the Post of the property istic which finds its counterpart in the apron of the Ports guese onion seller. Her occupation may be lowly, but h